

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 18, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-20 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 1, 5, 15 and 17-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 4, 6-9 and 14 have been amended. New claims 21-54 have been added. As a result, claims 2-4, 6-14, 16 and 21-54 are pending for examination with claims 6, 21, 33 and 44 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 6-13 would be allowable if written in independent form.

Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claim 6 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intermediate claims (claim 5). Claims 2, 4, 7-14 and 16 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 6.

Applicants also include new claim 21, which includes the limitations of allowable claim 7 including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intermediate claims (claim 5). Claims 22-31 have been added and depend directly or indirectly from new claim 21. Claims 22-31 correspond to claims 2-4, 8-14 and 16, respectively.

Applicants also include new claim 33, which includes the limitations of allowable claim 8 including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intermediate claims (claim 5). Claims 34-43 have been added and depend directly or indirectly from new claim 33. Claims 34-43 correspond to claims 2-4, 9-14 and 16, respectively.

Applicants also include new claim 44, which includes the limitations of allowable claim 9 including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1). Claims 45-54 have been added and depend directly or indirectly from new claim 44. Claims 45-54 correspond to claims 2-5, 10-14 and 16, respectively.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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